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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bryan JULIEN et al.)
Serial No. : 09/724,889)
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AMENDMENT UNDER § 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 22, 2003, (Paper No. 16) for which a response was due on August 22, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 22, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.